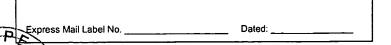
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## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows and consider the following remarks. This response is accompanied by a Response to a Restriction Requirement, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time for the Response, an Information Disclosure Statement with 57 cited references, and 54 attached references.

It is believed that a fee for a one-month extension of time is required for these submissions. Should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any additional fee is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge all required fees and/or credit all refunds to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.